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Dear Professor Bogen:

Please forgive me for having taken so long to reply to your enquiry about Dr. Wolfram Heumann. Unfortunately I have been travelling extensively since that time and I have been negligent in dealing with my correspondence.

I believe that you would be wise to promote Dr. Heumann to a higher position in the Hochschule. In his work with me, and subsequently, he has impressed me as a highly competent but extremely modest worker who is making a very important contribution to bacterial genetics and cytology. He is very deeply devoted to his work, and has been extremely cautious, as is proper, in presenting his findings. I feel that his sense of caution and modesty have resulted in his receiving less attention than other workers in bacterial morphology who have contributed more noise and less real value than he has. He is pursuing his present studies with great care, and these appear to be very promising in revealing new mechanisms in the life of bacteria.

Dr. Heumann's promotion therefore carries my deliberate endorsement.

Yours sincerely,

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